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**Susan W. Brooks to receive prestigious national Junior League award**  
*Brooks is longtime sustaining member of the Junior League of Indianapolis*

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The Junior League of Indianapolis (JLI) announced Susan W. Brooks has been named the 2021 Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award recipient by the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.

Named for the social activist who founded the Junior League in 1901, the prestigious award is given to one individual Junior League member whose volunteer efforts echo Harriman’s sense of social responsibility and her ability to motivate others to share their talents through effective volunteer service each year.

Brooks, who served as the U.S. representative for Indiana’s 5<sup>th</sup> congressional district from 2012 to 2020, joined JLI in 1992. In her first active year in the league, she co-chaired a project called the Women’s Appointment Collaborative, which was designed to increase the number of women on boards and commissions in Indianapolis. Brooks has continued to advocate for women at every stage of her career, which has included serving as a criminal defense attorney, deputy mayor of Indianapolis, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Indiana and senior vice president and general counsel for Ivy Tech Community College.

Brooks has volunteered extensively and her impact on the community has been vast. She has served on more than 20 boards over the years, including Women’s Fund of Central Indiana, the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, Indiana Youth Institute and the WNBA Indiana Fever Women’s Advisory Team.

“I am incredibly honored to receive the Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award,” said Brooks. “I share this recognition with all of the incredible women who have been JLI members over the years. It is an acknowledgment of the superior opportunities and training available to us and the ways we’ve learned and grown thanks to JLI.”

The award will be presented to Brooks in person at the Association of Junior Leagues International Annual conference, which will be held in Indianapolis this October.

“Susan truly embodies the modern-day spirit of Mary Harriman,” said JLI president Patrice Dawson. “She is a role model and mentor who encourages others to use their skills and talents to address a variety of challenges facing communities today.”

In addition to hosting the national conference, JLI is celebrating its upcoming centennial anniversary with a variety of events over the next year, including a 5K fundraiser, Centennial Day at the Statehouse and a women’s leadership conference.

For more information about JLI, [click here](#).

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**About Junior League of Indianapolis**

JLI is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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